

Thursday, March 11, 1999

State funding to aid development of KSC cryogenics testbed



Patrick AFB to get new leadership in May with Brig. Gen. Kevin Chilton

▲ The Technological Research and Development Authority (TRDA) of the State of Florida has awarded \$750,000 for the **development of a Cryogenics Testbed at the Kennedy Space Center**. Dynacs, Inc. will lead the effort in partnership with NASA/KSC, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., the University of Florida in Gainesville, and the TRDA of the State of Florida. The testbed will provide a unique capability for research, development, testing, and application of cryogenic technologies and will allow the development of new partnerships with other government labs, industry and academia. The new team has the benefit of expertise and perspectives from private industry, academia, and government and will be a key to moving KSC from operations into cryogenic technologies development.

▲ **Change in Command:** Air Force personnel officials have announced the reassignment of Brig. Gen. F. Randall Starbuck, 45th Space Wing Commander, at Patrick AFB. Replacing Gen. Starbuck is Brig. Gen. (select) Kevin P. Chilton, who is currently the deputy director of operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo. Gen. Starbuck is being reassigned as director, Air Expeditionary Forces Management Team, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va. A change-of-command ceremony at Patrick AFB is expected to occur in mid-May 1999. Chilton is a former astronaut who flew on missions STS-49, -59 and -76.

◆ The Russian aircraft at right, the Antonov 124, arrived at the **Shuttle Landing Facility** earlier this week, delivering a French satellite for the EUTELSat Consortium. Now at Astrotech, in Titusville, the satellite is targeted for launch April 12 from Complex 36 at Cape Canaveral Air Station aboard an Atlas IIAS rocket.



◆ The Federal Women's Program Working Group is sponsoring a **luncheon** in celebration of Women's History Month at 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 12, at the KSC Visitors Complex, Lunch Pad. The theme of the luncheon is "Women Putting Our Stamp on America," and the guest speaker is Ms. Julia Anita, director of Protocol Essentials, Windermere, Fla. Cost is \$8.50 for the lunch. Tickets can be purchased from Jean Rhodes, 867-2307; Charlotte Becker, 867-7631; Jane Eitel, 7-3473; Valarie Franklin, 867-7051; Tracy Anderson, 867-6033; Kim Boatright, 861-3801; Connie Dobrin, 861-5317.

◆ **Did You Know?** In FY 98, KSC consumed 1.44 trillion BTUs. The cost: \$15.77 million. The energy efficiency plan to reduce BTUs per square foot, non-mission variable, was ahead 5.4% of the FY 2000 goal, and mission variable has 8.74% to go to meet the FY 2000 goal.

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